

## Oral Argument - Justices

For our purposes, the number of “questions” per argument is simply the number of times a given Justice’s name appears in the argument transcript in capital letters. To account for the Chief Justice’s administrative comments – such as his call for an advocate to begin – his tally for each case has been uniformly reduced by three “questions.”

**Average Number of Questions Per Argument**

	Average
<b>Scalia</b>	21.6
<b>Sotomayor</b>	21.0
<b>Roberts</b>	19.8
<b>Breyer</b>	19.7
<b>Kagan</b>	14.5
<b>Kennedy</b>	12.4
<b>Ginsburg</b>	10.6
<b>Alito</b>	10.5
<b>Thomas</b>	0.0

**Frequency as the Top Questioner or as a Top 3 Questioner**

	Freq. Top 1	Freq. Top 3
<b>Sotomayor</b>	29%	62%
<b>Breyer</b>	28%	62%
<b>Scalia</b>	26%	76%
<b>Roberts</b>	22%	62%
<b>Kagan</b>	4%	38%
<b>Kennedy</b>	4%	22%
<b>Alito</b>	3%	16%
<b>Thomas</b>	0%	0%
<b>Ginsburg</b>	0%	10%

**Most Active Arguments**

	Argument	Number of Questions (% of all Questions)
<b>Roberts</b>	Campbell-Ewald v. Gomez	56 (26%)
<b>Scalia</b>	Fisher v. Univ. of Texas	41 (19%)
<b>Kennedy</b>	Taylor v. U.S.	39 (32%)
<b>Thomas</b>	Voisine v. U.S.	11 (12%)
<b>Ginsburg</b>	Whole Woman’s v. Hellerstedt	27 (15%)
<b>Breyer</b>	McDonnell v. U.S.	49 (34%)
<b>Alito</b>	Whole Woman’s v. Hellerstedt	31 (17%)
<b>Sotomayor</b>	U.S. v. Texas	51 (25%)
<b>Kagan</b>	Spokeo v. Robins	36 (22%)

**Frequency as the First Questioner**

	Frequency	
<b>Ginsburg</b>	36 /69	52%
<b>Scalia</b>	5 /38	13%
<b>Kennedy</b>	7 /69	10%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	6 /68	9%
<b>Roberts</b>	6 /69	9%
<b>Alito</b>	4 /67	6%
<b>Kagan</b>	4 /68	6%
<b>Breyer</b>	1 /69	1%
<b>Thomas</b>	0 /69	0%